

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of

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Serial No.: 10/813,054

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For: **FUEL TANK STRUCTURE**Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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PETITION REQUESTING CONSIDERATION THEREOF
UNDER 37 CFR §1.97-§1.98

Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 through §1.98 and pursuant to Applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, Applicant respectfully brings the following documents cited in the European Search Report/Japanese/Chinese/etc. Office Action in a counterpart foreign application and listed on the attached form PTO-1449, to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of the Japanese/Chinese/etc. Office Action citing such documents, together with an English-language version (if not already included) of that portion of the Office Action indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign office. Further, English-language abstracts are attached to some of the references.

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I hereby certify that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was the first citation of that item by a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, which occurred not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

Applicant petitions to request consideration of the cited references by the Examiner

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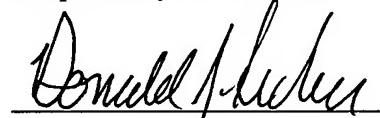
and that they be formally made of record in this application.

Submitted herewith is a check no. 6413 in the amount of \$180.00 to cover the IDS fee.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**
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Please see 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 to make the appropriate selection(s):

- That each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement. See 37 CFR 1.97(e)(1).

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- See attached certification statement.
 Fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17 (p) has been submitted herewith.
 None

SIGNATURE

A signature of the applicant or representative is required in accordance with CFR 1.33, 10.18. Please see CFR 1.4(d) for the form of the signature.

Signature		Date (YYYY-MM-DD)	2008-04-07
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